

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(23)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

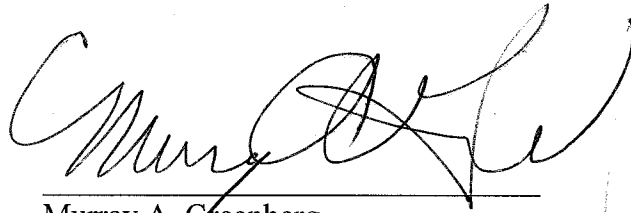
**DATE:** December 19, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Urging the  
Florida Legislature to Fund  
Land Acquisition for Coastal  
And Remnant Everglades  
Wetlands

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

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"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

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6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

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4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

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Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

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Budget required

\_\_\_\_\_  
Statement of fiscal impact required

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

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Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

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Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

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No committee review

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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12-19-06

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
FUND LAND ACQUISITION FOR COASTAL AND  
REMNANT EVERGLADES WETLANDS IN SOUTH MIAMI-  
DADE COUNTY THAT CONNECT EVERGLADES  
NATIONAL PARK AND BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 70,000 acres of coastal and remnant Everglades wetlands in south Miami-Dade County, south of the Cities of Florida City and Homestead; and

**WHEREAS**, these wetlands are important as a statewide resource, because they provide a natural connectivity between Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park, which host more than 1.7 million visitors a year, and are the gateway to the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, these wetlands are the last remaining original coastal Everglades that remain without a comprehensive long-term protection plan; and

**WHEREAS**, they have been identified by Miami-Dade County, the South Florida Water Management District, the National Parks Service, and the Fish and Wildlife Service as ecologically sensitive and important for protection; and

**WHEREAS**, these wetlands provide a natural barrier against hurricane damage and flooding to Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, unprecedented rises in property values could impair the ability to acquire remaining needed lands if the land is not purchased in the near term,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to fund land acquisition for coastal and remnant Everglades wetlands in south Miami-Dade County that connect Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the funding identified in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman  
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Sally A. Heyman  
Dorrin D. Rolle  
Katy Sorenson  
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Natacha Seijas  
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of December, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk